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Reply to Final Office Action of 09/09/05

Via Facsimile

Remarks

This amendment is in response to the September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2005 Office Action. The Examiner is also thanked for the phone conversation on September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Applicant respectfully traverses Examiner's rejections of claims 1-20 in light of the above amendments and the following remarks:

Support for the amendments can be found, for example, in Figures 3-5.

Rejection of claims 1-6, 9-12, 14-16 19 and 20 under § 102(b)

Ward '314 was used to reject these claims. Applicant has amended the above claims to particularly and unambiguously clarify that "formed frame" claimed is in fact a substantial part of the wedge that is inserted into a space in question. Ward '314 has outer frames (Fig. 4, #28, 30) that *define* the space that other items (wedges, felt, blocks, etc) are inserted into.

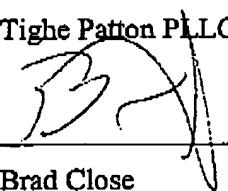
In view of the above amendments, remarks and appended affidavit, applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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